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(57) ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to benzyl urea compounds, which are tropomyosin-related kinase (Trk) family protein kinase inhibitors, and hence may be useful in the treatment of pain, inflammation, cancer, restenosis, atherosclerosis, psoriasis, thrombosis, a disease, disorder, injury, or malfunction relating to dysmyelination or demyelination or a disease or disorder associated with abnormal activities of nerve growth factor (NGF) receptor Trk-A, Trk-B and/or Trk-C.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} R_1 & & & & \\ & N & & & \\ & NH & & & \\ & R_2 & & & \end{array}$$

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TRKA KINASE INHIBITORS, COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS THEREOF

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US2013/0041492 filed on May 17, 2013, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/650,019, filed May 22, 2013.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention is directed to a class of substituted ureas, their salts, pharmaceutical compositions comprising them 15 and their use in therapy of the human body. In particular, the invention is directed to a class of substituted ureas, which are tropomyosin-related kinase (Trk) family protein kinase inhibitors, and hence may be useful in the treatment of pain, inflammation, cancer, restenosis, atherosclerosis, psoriasis, 20 thrombosis, a disease, disorder, injury, or malfunction relating to dysmyelination or demyelination or a disease or disorder associated with abnormal activities of nerve growth factor (NGF) receptor TrkA.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Trk's are high affinity binding protein kinase receptors that are activated by Neurotrophins (NT), a group of soluble growth factors Nerve Growth Factor (NGF), Brain-Derived 30 Neurotrophic Factor (BDNF) and Neurotrophin 3-5 (NT 3-5). The Trk's are made up of three family members TrkA, TrkB and TrkC that bind to and mediate the the signal transduction derived from the Neurotrophins. NGF activates TrkA, BDNF and NT-4/5 activate TrkB and NT3 activates TrkC.

Inhibitors of the Trk/neutrophin pathway have been demonstrated to be highly effective in numerous pre-clinical animal models of pain. Antagonistic NGF and TrkA antibodies have been shown to be efficacious in inflammatory and neuropathic pain animal models and in human clinical trials. See 40 Woolf, C. J. et al. (1994) Neuroscience 62, 327-331; Zahn, P. K. et al. (2004) J. Pain 5, 157-163; McMahon, S. B. et al., (1995) Nat. Med. 1, 774-780; Ma, Q. P. and Woolf, C. J. (1997) Neuroreport 8, 807-810; Shelton, D. L. et al. (2005) Pain 116, 8-16; Delafoy, L. et al. (2003) Pain 105, 489-497; 45 Lamb, K. et al. (2003) Neurogastroenterol. Motil. 15, 355-361; and Jaggar, S. I. et al. (199) Br. J. Anaesth. 83, 442-448. Through gene disruption studies in mice the TrkA-NGF interaction was found to be required for the survival of certain peripheral neuron populations involved in mediating pain 50 signaling in the case of pancreatic cancer—an increase in the expression of TrkA was shown to correlate with an increase level of pain signaling (Zhu et al., Journal of Clinical oncology, 17:2419-2428 (1999)). Increased expression of NGF and TrkA was also observed in human osteoarthritis chondrocytes 55 (Iannone et al, Rheumatology 41:1413-1418 (2002)). In particular, anti-TrkA antibodies and anti-NGF antibodies have been demonstrated to be effective analgesics in in vivo models of inflammatory and neuropathic pain. See WO2006/ 131952, WO2005/061540, EP1181318 and WO01/78698, 60 WO2004/058184 and WO2005/019266, respectively. See also WO2004/096122 and WO2006/137106 which describe the use of an anti-TrkA antibodiy in combination with an opioid analgesic for the treatment or prevention of pain.

Trk inhibitors that can induce apotosis of proliferating 65 osteoblast may be useful in treating diseases related to an imbalance of the regulation of bone remodeling, such as

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osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis and bone metastases. The expression of TrkA and TrkC receptors in the bone forming area in mouse models of bone facture and localization of NGF in almost all bone forming cells have been observed (K. Asaumi, et al., Bone (2000) 26(6) 625-633). See also Exper Opin. Ther. Patents (2009) 19(3)), WO2006/115452 and WO2006/087538, WO6123113, WO10033941. WO10077680, WO2005110994, Investigational New Drugs (2004), 22, 449-458 and R. Tripathy, et al., Bioorganic & Medicinal Chem Ltrs., 2008, 18, 3551-3555. The association between overexpression, activation, amplification and/or mutation of Trks and several cancers as seen with studies conduct on neuroblastoma (Brodeur, G. M., Nat. Rev. Cancer 2003, 3, 203-216), ovarian cancer (Kruettgen et al., Brain Pathology 2006, 16: 304-310), prostate cancer (Dionne et al., Clin. Cancer Res. 1998, 4(8): 1887-1898), pancreatic cancer (Dang et al., J of Gastroenterology and Hepatology 2006, 21(5): 850-858), large cell neuroendocrine tumors (Marchetti et al., Human Mutation 2008, 29(5), 609-616, and colorectal cancer (Bardelli, A., Science 2003, 300, 949) support the reasoning that therapeutic implications of an effective Trk inhibitor may extend far beyond pain therapy. See also WO07013673, WO07025540 and WO08052734.

Also promising is the utility of Trk inhibitors in the treatment of inflammatory lung diseases such as asthma (FreundMichel, V; et al., *Pharmacology & Therapeutics* (2008), 117
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Modulation of the neutrophin/Trk pathway also has been shown to have an effect in the etiology neurodegenerative diseases including multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and Alzeheimer's disease (Sohrabji, et. al., Neuroendocrinology (2006), 27(4), 404-414).

Thus, the compounds of the invention, which are Trk inhibitors, are believed to be useful in the treatment of multiple types of acute and chronic pain including but not limited to inflammatory pain, neuropathic pain, and pain associated with cancer, surgery and bone fracture. The compounds may also useful in the treatment of cancer, inflammation, neurodegenerative diseases and certain infectious diseases.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to compounds of generic formula (I) below or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof that may be useful as a Trk kinase mediator of NGF driven biological responses.

The invention is further directed to methods of treating a patient (preferably a human) for diseases or disorders in which the NGF receptor Trk kinases are involved, in particular TrkA. The invention further involves use of the compounds as NGF receptor TrkA, Trk B and/or Trk C inhibitor and/or antagonist for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment and/or prevention of diseases associated with inhibiting TrkA, Trk B and/or Trk C, which includes pain, cancer, restenosis, atherosclerosis, psoriasis, thrombosis, or a disease, disorder, or injury relating to dysmyelination or demyelination. The invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions which include an effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, and the

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use of the compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention in the treatment of such diseases.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In one embodiment, the invention is directed to compounds of general formula (I)

$$R^1$$
 N
 N^2
 N^4
 N^4
 N^4

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein: R represents hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, or —O—;

 R^1 is selected from hydrogen, C_{6-10} aryl, C_{5-10} heterocycle, 20 C_{3-10} cycloalkyl, said aryl, heterocycle, and cycloalkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of R^a ;

 R^2 is selected from C_{6-10} aryl, C_{5-10} heterocycle, C_{3-10} cycloalkyl, said aryl, heterocycle, and cycloalkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of R^α ;

 R^3 represents $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, and $(CH_2)_n C_{3-10}$ cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkynyl, and cycloalkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of R^a ;

R⁴ can be hydrogen, or CH(CH₃)C=CH,

or R³ and R⁴ can combined to form a 5 to 10 membered 30 monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle, said bicyclic heterocycle optionally interrupted with 1 to 2 additional nitrogen atoms and said monocyclic and bicyclic heterocycle optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of R^a;

 $\begin{array}{lll} R^a \ represents & -CN, -O-, -(CH_2)_n C_{1-4} \ haloalkyl, -C_{1-6} \ 35 \\ alkyl, -C_{1-6} alkenyl, -C_{1-6} alkynyl, -(CHR)_n C_{6-10} \ aryl, \\ -(CHR)_n C_{5-10} & heterocycle, -C_{3-10} & cycloalkyl, \\ -O-C_{6-10} \ aryl, -O-C_{5-10} & heterocycle, -C(O)CF_3, \\ -(CH_2)_n halo, -OR, -NRR, NHC_{6-10} aryl, -SCF_3, \\ SO_2 CF_3, OC(F)_2 Cl, OC_{1-4} \ haloalkyl, C(O)NRR, SO_2 R, \ 40 \\ SO_2 NRR, OC(F)_2 C(F)_3, S(O)_2 CH(F)_2, OC(F)_2 CH(F)_2, \\ C(CH_3)_2 C=N, -COC_{6-10} \ aryl, \ or -CO_2 R, \ said \\ cycloalkyl, \ alkyl, \ aryl \ and \ heterocycle \ optionally \ substituted \ with 1 to 3 \ groups of R^b; \end{array}$

 R^b represents, —CN, —(CH₂) $_{n}$ C₁₋₄haloalkyl, —OC₁₋₄ha- 45 loalkyl, —C₁₋₆alkyl, (CH₂) $_{n}$ OR, —(CHR) $_{n}$ C₆₋₁₀ aryl, —(CHR) $_{n}$ C₅₋₁₀ heterocycle, —C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, —(CH₂) $_{n}$ halo, —OR, C(O)OR, —NRR, C(O)NRR, NRC₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, or C(O)NHC₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, said aryl and heterocycle optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of C₁₋₆ alkyl, 50 or halo, and

n represents 0-6.

In an embodiment of this invention R^2 is optionally substituted C_{6-10} aryl and all other variables are as originally described

In another embodiment of the invention R^2 is optionally substituted C_{5-10} heterocycle and all other variables are as originally described.

In another embodiment of the invention R² is optionally substituted cycloalkyl and all other variables are as originally 60 described

In another embodiment of the invention R^2 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, benzodioxepinyl, dihydroindenyl, biphenyl, benzylphenyl, naphthalenyl, indazolyl, and cyclopropyl. A subembodiment of this invention is realized when R^2 is optionally substituted phenyl. Another subembodiment of

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this invention is realized when R² is optionally substituted pyridyl. Still another embodiment of this invention is realized when R² is optionally substituted pyrimidinyl.

In still another embodiment of the invention R^2 is phenyl substituted with 1 to 3 groups of OCF₃, SCF₃, OCH₃, C₁₋₆ alkyl, halo, and CF₃.

In an embodiment of this invention R^1 is optionally substituted $C_{6\text{--}10}$ aryl and all other variables are as originally described.

In another embodiment R^1 is optionally substituted C_{5-10} heterocycle and all other variables are as originally described.

In another embodiment of the invention R^1 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted phenyl, pyrrolopyridinyl, and pyrazolopyridinyl. A subembodiment of this invention is realized when R^1 is optionally substituted phenyl. Another subembodiment is realized when R^1 is optionally substituted pyrrolopyridinyl. Still another subembodiment of this invention is realized when R^1 is optionally substituted pyrazolopyridinyl.

In another embodiment of the invention R¹ is phenyl substituted with optionally substituted thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridyl, benzthiazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyradazinyl, oxazolyl, pyrazolyl, or isoquinolinyl, preferably optionally substituted thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl, or pyridyl.

In still another embodiment of this invention R^1 and R^2 are both optionally substituted C_{6-10} aryl and all other variables are as originally described. A subembodiment of this invention is realized when R^1 and R^2 are both optionally substituted phenyl.

In another embodiment of this invention R^3 is C_{1-6} alkyl and all other variables are as originally described. A subembodiment of this invention is realized when R^3 is isopropyl Another subembodiment of this invention is realized when R^3 is ethyl. Another subembodiment of this invention is realized when R^3 is methyl. Another subembodiment of this invention is realized when R^3 is methyl subembodiment of this invention is realized when R^3 is methyl propyl.

In another embodiment of this invention R³ C₂₋₆ alkynyl and all other variables are as originally described.

In another embodiment of this invention R^3 is C_{3-10} cycloalkyl and all other variables are as originally described.

In yet another embodiment of this invention R⁴ is hydrogen and all other variables are as originally described.

In another embodiment of this invention R⁴ is CH(CH₃) CCH and all other variables are as originally described.

In still another embodiment of this invention R^3 and R^4 together with the nitrogen atoms to which they are attached combine to form a 5 to 10 membered monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle, said bicyclic heterocycle optionally interrupted with 1 to 2 additional nitrogen atoms and said monocyclic and bicyclic heterocycle optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of R^a . In a subembodiment of this invention R^3 and R^4 combine to form a 5 or 6 membered monocyclic heterocycle optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of C_{1-6} alkyl and all other variables are as originally described.

In still another embodiment, R^3 and R^4 combine with the nitrogen to which they are attached to form an optionally substituted 5 to 6 membered cyclic ring and all other variables are as originally described. In a subembodiment of this invention R^3 and R^4 together with the nitrogen to which they are attached combine to form an optionally substituted tetrahydropyrimidinyl, tetrahydropyrimidin-one, imidazolinyl, or imidazolin-one.

In another embodiment of the invention the compounds of formula I is represented by structural formula II:

Still in another embodiment the compounds of formula I are represented by structural formula IV:

$$(\mathbf{R}^a)_{0.3} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{II} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{5}$$

$$\mathbf{NH} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{II} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{I}$$

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts there of wherein R^a is as originally described and R^{a_1} is R^a . A subembodiment of the invention of structural formula II is realized when R^a is selected from the group of —(CHR) $_n$ C $_{6-10}$ aryl, —(CHR) $_n$ C $_{5-10}$ heterocycle, —C $_{3-10}$ cycloalkyl, —O—C $_{6-10}$ aryl, and —OC $_{5-10}$ heterocycle, said aryl and heterocycle optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of R^b . Another subembodiment of the invention of formula II is realized when there is one R^a and it is optionally substituted thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl, or pyridyl. Still another subembodiment of the invention of formula II is realized when there is one R^a and it is optionally substituted thiazolyl.

In another embodiment of the invention the compounds of formula I is represented by structural formula III:

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts there of wherein \mathbb{R}^a is as originally described.

IV
$$\begin{array}{c}
R^{1} & \nearrow & \nearrow \\
N & \nearrow & \nearrow \\
N & \nearrow & \nearrow \\
R^{2} & & \\
\end{array}$$

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof wherein R^1 and R^2 are as originally described and R is C_{1-6} alkyl. In an embodiment of the invention of structural formula $IV\ R^2$ is optionally substituted C_{6-10} aryl. In another embodiment of the invention of structural formula $IV\ R^2$ is optionally substituted C_{5-10} heterocycle. In another embodiment of the invention of structural formula $IV\ R^2$ is optionally substituted cycloalkyl. In still another embodiment of the invention of structural formula $IV\ R^2$ is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, benzodioxepinyl, dihydroindenyl, naphthalenyl, indazolyl, and cyclopropyl. A subembodiment of this invention is realized when R^2 is phenyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of OCF_3 , SCF_3 , OCH_3 , C_{1-6} alkyl, halo, and CF_3 . Another subembodiment of this invention is realized when R^2 is optionally substituted pyridyl. Still another embodiment of this invention is realized when R^2 is optionally substituted pyrimidinyl.

In another embodiment of this invention R^1 is optionally substituted C_{6-10} aryl. In another embodiment R^1 is optionally substituted C_{5-10} heterocycle. In another embodiment of the invention R^1 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted phenyl, pyrrolopyridinyl, and pyrazolopyridinyl. A subembodiment of this invention is realized when R^1 is optionally substituted phenyl. Another subembodiment is realized when R^1 is optionally substituted pyrrolopyridinyl. Still another subembodiment of this invention is realized when R^1 is optionally substituted pyrazolopyridinyl.

In still another embodiment of this invention R¹ and R² are both optionally substituted C₆₋₁₀ aryl and all other variables are as originally described. A subembodiment of this invention is realized when R¹ and R² are both optionally substituted phenyl.

Examples of compounds of this invention include those in Table 1:

TABLE 1

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Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
1	NH NH S F F	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H- pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3- ylmethyl)-3-{4- [(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]- phenyl}urea	409.1

	TABLE 1 Continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
2	NH NH NH O NH F F	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-urea	393.2
3	NH ON NH F	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-3-{4-[1-(trifluoromethyl)-cyclopropyl]phenyl}urea	417.2
4	O S F F	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-3-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]-phenyl}urea	441.1
5	$F \longrightarrow F$ N	4,4-dimethyl-3-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-1-{4- [(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]-phenyl}- tetrahydropyrimidin- 2(1H)-one	435.1

	TABLE 1-Continued		Exact Mass
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	[M + H]+
6	N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H- pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-3- ylmethyl)-3-{4- [(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]- phenyl}urea	410.1
7	S N O HN S F F F F F F F F F F F F F F F F F F	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]- 3-{4- [(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]- phenyl}urea	452.1
8	HN O F F CI	3-{4- [chloro(difluoro)methoxy]- phenyl}-1-(1-methylethyl)- 1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	452.1
9	$\begin{array}{c c} & & & \\ & & & \\ N & & & \\ \hline \\ O & & \\ NH & \\ \hline \\ O & & \\ \hline \\ F & \\ \hline \\ F & \\ \end{array}$	2-({(1-methylethyl)[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-carbamoyl}amino)-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-benzamide	479.1

Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]
10	S HN O	1-(1-methylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	446.1
11	HN O S	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]- 3-{4-[1- (trifluoromethyl)- cyclopropyl]phenyl}urea	460.2
12	$\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array}$	4,4-dimethyl-3-(1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-1-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]phenyl}-tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)one	436.1
13	S NH NH	3-(6-tert-butylpyridin-3-yl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	409.2

	TABLE 1-continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
14	S N O S F F F	4,4-dimethyl-3-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-1-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)-sulfanyl]phenyl}-tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one	478.1
15	S N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	3-(2-tert-butylpyrimidin-5-yl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-triazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	410.2
16	S N N O HN	1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(1-methylethyl)phenyl]-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	394.2
17	N N S	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]- 3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)- phenyl]urea	436.1

	17 IDEE 1 Continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
18	O NH F	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]- 3-[4-(2,2,2- trifluoroethyl)phenyl]urea	434.2
19	F O NH NH NH	1-[3-(5-methoxypyrimidin-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	461.2
20	NH NH ON NH F	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H- pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-3- ylmethyl)-3-[4- (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]- urea	394.1
21		3-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-1- (1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3- thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	408.2

Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
22	S N N O HN	1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(1-methylpropyl)phenyl]-1- [3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	408.2
23	HN O S	1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4- (pentafluoroethoxy)phenyl]- 1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	486.1
24	F O NH N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	1-{3-[6-(methylamino)- pyrimidin-4-yl]benzyl}-1- (1-methylethyl)-3-[4- (trifluoro-methoxy)- phenyl]urea	460.2
25	S N N O HN	3-(4-butylphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	408.2

	TABLE I Continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
26	HN O F F F	1-[3-(5-bromo-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	514
27	HN O F F	1-[3-(5-chloro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	470.1
28	F O NH O NH	methyl 6-(3-{[(1- methylethyl){[4- (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]- carbamoyl}amino]methyl}- phenyl)pyridine-3- carboxylate	488.2
29	F O NH NH S	1-[3-(6-methoxy-1,3-benzo-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoro-methoxy)phenyl]urea	516.2

Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
30	F O NH N N F F	1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4- (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]- 1-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)- pyrimidin-2-yl]benzyl}urea	499.2
31	F O NH NH	1-[3-(5-ethylpyrimidin-2- yl)benzyl]-1-(1- methylethyl)-3-[4- (trifluoromethoxy)- phenyl]urea	459.2
32	ONH NH S	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-{[6-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)pyridin-2-yl]methyl}-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]urea	437.1
33	O=S=O F F	3-{4- [(difluoromethyl)sulfonyl]- phenyl}-1-(1-methylethyl)- 1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	466.1

Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
34	HN O F F F F	1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4- (1,1,2,2- tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]- 1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	468.1
35	F O NH	1-{3-[6- (ethylamino)pyrimidin-4- yl]benzyl}-1-(1- methylethyl)-3-[4- (trifluoromethoxy)- phenyl]urea	474.2
36	F O NH NH N	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoro-methoxy)phenyl]urea	445.2
37	S N N O HN	3-(4-ethylphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	380.2

Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
38	F O NH NH2	1-[3-(6-aminopyrimidin-4-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	446.2
39	NH NH NH	1-cyclohexyl-7-{[4-(1,3-dimethyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl)phenyl]amino}-3,4,4-trimethyl-3,4-dihydropyrimido[4,5-d]pyrimidin-2(1H)-one	461.3
40	F O NH N N	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(4-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoro-methoxy)phenyl]urea	445.2
41	Br F F	3-[2-bromo-4- (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]- 1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	514

Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
42	F P O NH NH NH	1-{3-[6- (cyclopropylamino)- pyrimidin-4-yl]benzyl}-1- (1-methylethyl)-3-[4- (trifluoro- methoxy)phenyl]urea	486.2
43	F O NH NH2	1-[3-(4-amino-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	460.2
44	S NH NH	3-(2-cyclopropylpyrimidin- 5-yl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1- [3-(1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	394.2
45	S N N O HN	1-(1-methylethyl)-3-(4-pentylphenyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	422.2

	TABLE 1-continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
46	ON NH NH F	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	444.2
47	HN O N	3-[4-(1-cyano-1-methylethyl)phenyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	419.2
48	F O NH O NH	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(5-propylpyrimidin-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-urea	473.2
49	S N N N N N N	1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[2-(1-methylethyl)pyrimidin-5-yl]-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	396.2

	TABLE 1-continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
50	\sim	3-[2-amino-4- (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]- 1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	451.1
51	N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1H-pyrazol-5-yl)benzyl]- 3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)- phenyl]urea	419.2
52	F O NH NH N N	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-{3-[6- (4-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1- yl)pyrimidin-4-yl]benzyl}- 3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)- phenyl]urea	511.2
53	S N N O F F F F F F F F F F F F F F F F F	3-{2-chloro-4- [(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]- phenyl}-1-(1-methylethyl)- 1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	486.1

Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
54	F O NH O NH O O	ethyl 2-(3-{[(1-methylethyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-carbamoyl}amino]methyl}-phenyl)pyridine-4-carboxylate	502.2
55	F O NH O NH	1-[3-(3-fluoro-5- methylpyridin-2- yl)benzyl]-1-(1- methylethyl)-3-[4- (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl] urea	462.2
56	F O NH NH2	1-[3-(5-aminopyrimidin-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	446.2
57	F O NH NH	1-[3-(5-fluoropyrimidin-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	449.2
58	S N N O HIN O	3-(3,4-dihydro-2H-1,5-benzodioxepin-7-yl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	424.2

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Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
59	$\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$	1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-methyl-3- (trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1- [3-(1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	434.2
60	S N N O HN	3-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-yl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	392.2
61	F O NH NH2	1-[3-(4-aminopyrimidin-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	446.2
62	F O NH NH NN N	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-{3-[6- (1H-pyrazol-1- yl)pyrimidin-4-yl]benzyl}- 3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)- phenyl]urea	497.2

	17 IDEE 7 Continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
63	S N N O F F	3-[4- (difluoromethoxy)phenyl]- 1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	418.1
64	S N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	3-(6-cyclopropylpyridin-3-yl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	393.2
65	F F O NH NH NN	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(3- pyrimidin-2-ylbenzyl)-3- [4-(trifluoromethoxy)- phenyl]urea	431.2
66	O NH NH F	1-[3-(5-methoxypyridin-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	460.2

	17 then 1 continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
67		1-(1-methylethyl)-3- naphthalen-2-yl-1-[3-(1,3- thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	402.2
68	S N N N O HIN O	3-(4-butoxyphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	424.2
69	F O NH NH NH N	N-methyl-2-(3-{[(1-methylethyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-carbamoyl}amino]methyl}-phenyl)pyridine-4-carboxamide	487.2
70	HN O F	1-(1-methylpropyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	450.1

	17 ADED 1 Continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
71	F O NH CI	1-[3-(4-chloropyridin-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1- methylethyl)-3-[4- (trifluoromethoxy)- phenyl]urea	464.1
72	$\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$	4,4-dimethyl-3-(1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-1-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one	420.2
73		3-biphenyl-4-yl-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	428.2
74	F F N N S	4,4-dimethyl-3-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-1-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-imidazolidin-2-one	448.1
75		3-(4-methoxybiphenyl-3-yl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	458.2

	17 HDEE 1 continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
76	S N N O HN O O	methyl 3-({(1-methylethyl)[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]carbamoyl}-amino)benzoate	410.2
77	O NH S	3-(3-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	400.1
78	F F O NH NH F F	1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4- (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]- 1-{3-[5-(trifluoromethyl)- pyridin-2-yl]benzyl}urea	498.2
79	F O NH NH CI	1-[3-(5-chloropyridin-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	464.1

	TABLE 1-continued		Exact
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Mass [M + H]+
80		1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4- (phenylcarbonyl)phenyl]- 1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	456.2
81	N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	3-(3-cyclopropyl-1-methyl-1H-indazol-5-yl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	446.2
82	S N N O F F F F	3-[2-fluoro-5- (trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1- (1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3- thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	438.1
83	NH NH S	1-(1-methylethyl)-3-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	444.2

	TABLE 1-continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
84	CI F F	3-[2-chloro-4- (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]- 1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	470.1
85	F O NH NH NN	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(3-pyrazin-2-ylbenzyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-urea	431.2
86	F O NH NH NN	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-{3-[5-(4-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-pyrazin-2-yl]benzyl}-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	511.2
87	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]tetrahydro-pyrimidin-2(1H)-one	391.1

	TABLE I Continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
88	NH S	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]- 3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)- phenyl]urea	420.1
89	F O NH N N N N O O	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidin-4-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoro-methoxy)phenyl]urea	516.2
90	O NH S	1-ethyl-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoro-methoxy)phenyl]urea	422.1
91	F O NH OH	1-{3-[5- (hydroxymethyl)pyridin-2- yl]benzyl}-1-(1- methylethyl)-3-[4- (trifluoromethoxy)- phenyl]urea	460.2

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Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
92	S N N O HN O	3-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	396.2
93	F O NH O NH O N O N	N-cyclopropyl-2-(3-{[(1-methylethyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-carbamoyl}amino]methyl}-phenyl)pyridine-4-carboxamide	513.2
94		1-(1-methylethyl)-3-{4- [(1-methylethyl)- sulfonyl]phenyl}-1-[3-(1,3- thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	458.2
95	S N N O HN O O	3-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	410.2

Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
96	F O NH NH O N NO N	1-[3-(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	460.2
97	F F O NH NH NN	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-{3-[6-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)pyridazin-3-yl]benzyl}-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]urea	497.2
98	F O NH F O NH NH	1-[3-(4-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	448.2
99		N,N-dimethyl-4-({(1-methylethyl)[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]carbamoyl}-amino)benzenesulfonamide	459.2

Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
100	F O NH NH N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	1-{3-[6-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)pyridazin-3-yl]benzyl}-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]urea	497.2
101	NH S	ethyl 4-({(1-methylethyl)[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-carbamoyl}amino)benzoate	424.2
102	$\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$	3-[4-chloro-3- (triffuoromethyl)phenyl]-1- (1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3- thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	454.1
103	F O NH O O O O	ethyl 2-(3-{[(1-methylethyl){[4- (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]- carbamoyl}amino]methyl}- phenyl)-1,3-oxazole-4- carboxylate	492.2

Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
104	S N O HN Br	3-(4-bromo-3-methylphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	444.1
105	F O NH OH	1-[3-(5-hydroxypyridin-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	446.2
106	NH NH F F	1-methyl-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol- 2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4- (trifluoro- methoxy)phenyl]urea	408.1
107		N,N-diethyl-4-({(1-methylethyl)[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]carbamoyl}-amino)benzenesulfonamide	487.2

	TABLE 1-continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
108	S N N O HN CI	3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1- (1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3- thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	420.1
109	S N O HN O	3-(3-ethoxyphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	396.2
110	S N N O HN O O	1-(1-methylethyl)-3-(3-phenoxyphenyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	444.2
111	S N N O F F F F	3-[2-chloro-5- (trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1- (1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3- thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	454.1

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Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
112	F F O NH N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	1-{3-[6-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl]benzyl}-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-urea	497.2
113	NH NH F F	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoro-methoxy)phenyl]urea	433.2
114	O NH	3-(3-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	384.2
115	F O NH O NH N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-{3-[5-(2-oxopyridin-1(2H)-yl)pyrazin-2-yl]benzyl}-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]urea	524.2

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Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Mass [M + H]+
116	F F O NH NH	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	444.2
117	HN O	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-phenyl-1H-indazol-6-yl]-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	510.2
118	NH NH S	1-(1-methylethyl)-3- [(1R,2S)-2- phenylcyclopropyl]-1-[3- (1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	392.2
119		3-[4- (ethylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1- (1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3- thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	444.1

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Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
120	O NH NH	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1H-pyrazol-4-yl)benzyl]- 3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)- phenyl]urea	419.2
121	$\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$	1-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-3- [3-(1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]- tetrahydropyrimidin- 2(1H)-one	406.2
122	F F NH NH N F F	1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4- (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]- 1-{3-[4- (trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2- yl]benzyl}urea	498.2
123	S N N O CI	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]- 3-(2,4,5- trichlorophenyl)urea	454

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Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
124		3-(3-benzylphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	442.2
125	O NH S	3-(5-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	416.1
126	S N N O HIN	3-(4-benzylphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	442.2
127	S N N O HN CI	3-(4-chloro-2-phenoxyphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	478.1

Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
128	S N N O HN CI	3-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-1- (1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3- thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	420.1
129	S N N N O HN CI	3-(5-chloro-2-phenoxyphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	478.1
130	$\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$	3-[4-fluoro-3- (trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1- (1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3- thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	438.1
131	HN O F F	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]- 3-[4-(trifluoroacetyl)- phenyl]urea	448.1

	TABLE I continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
132	O NH S	1-cyclopropyl-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-urea	434.1
133	O NH NH	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	444.2
134	S N N O HN	3-(5-tert-butyl-2-methoxyphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	438.2
135	F O NH N N N CI	1-[3-(6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	465.1

	TABLE 1-continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
136	S N N O HN Br	3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	430.1
137	S N	methyl 4-({(1-methylethyl)[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-carbamoyl}amino)benzoate	410.2
138	S N N O HN CI	3-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	416.1
139	N N N S	3-(3-ethylphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	380.2

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Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
140	NH CI	3-(5-chloro-2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	446.1
141	F F O NH NH NN	1-[3-(4-cyanopyridin-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	455.2
142	F O NH NH	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(7-methylisoquinolin-3-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]urea	494.2
143	F F O NH N N	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-{3-[6- (2-methyl-1H-imidazol-1- yl)pyrimidin-4-yl]benzyl}- 3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)- phenyl]urea	511.2

	TABLE I Continued		
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
144	Br F F	1-[3-(5-bromo-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[2-bromo-4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)urea	592
145	ON NO N	1-(1-methyl-2-morpholin- 4-ylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3- thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4- (trifluoro- methoxy)phenyl]urea	521.2
146	S N N O HN O O	3-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)- 1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3- (1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]urea	412.2
147	F O NH O NH NH NH	N-methyl-5-(3-{[(1-methylethyl){[4- (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-carbamoyl}amino]methyl}-phenyl)pyridine-2-carboxamide	487.2

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Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
148	S N N N N N N N	1-(1-methylethyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	366.2
149	S N	3-(3-bromophenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	430.1
150	S N O HN F F	3-[3-fluoro-5- (trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1- (1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3- thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	438.1
151	F P NH NH	1-[3-(6-methoxyquinolin- 3-yl)benzyl]-1-(1- methylethyl)-3-[4- (trifluoromethoxy)- phenyl]urea	510.2

	TABLE 1-continued			
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+	
152	S N N N N N F F	1-(1-methylethyl)-1-{[4- (1,3-thiazol-2-yl)pyridin-2- yl]methyl}-3-[4-(trifluoro- methoxy)phenyl]urea	437.1	
153	S N N N O HEN	3-[4-(hexyloxy)phenyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	452.2	
154	$F \longrightarrow F$ $O \longrightarrow N$ $O \longrightarrow N$ $S \longrightarrow N$	1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]-3-[4- (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]- tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)- one	434.1	
155	S N N O HN F	3-(2-fluoro-5-methylphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	384.2	

	TABLE I Continued		_
Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
156	S N N O HN	3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	382.2
157	S N	3-(4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	448
158	F O NH NH NH	1-[3-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzyl]-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenyl]urea	448.2
159	$\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$	1-[4-(1-methylethyl)phenyl]-3-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one	392.2
160		N-methyl-4-({(1-methylethyl)[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]carbamoyl}-amino)benzenesulfonamide	445.1

Compd	Structure	IUPAC Name	Exact Mass [M + H]+
161	N N S	dimethyl 5-({(1- methylethyl)[3-(1,3- thiazol-2- yl)benzyl]carbamoyl}- amino)benzene-1,3- dicarboxylate	468.2
162		3-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-1-(1-methylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	380.2
163	N N S	3-(3-chloro-4- fluorophenyl)-1-(1- melhylethyl)-1-[3-(1,3- thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea	404.1

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

The invention is also directed to methods of treating a patient (preferably a human) for diseases or disorders in which the TrkA receptor may be involved, such as pain, inflammation, cancer, restenosis, atherosclerosis, psoriasis, thrombosis, a disease, disorder, injury, or malfunction relating to dysmyelination or demyelination or a disease or disorder associated with abnormal activities of nerve growth factor (NGF) receptor TrkA, by administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

The invention is also directed to the use of a compound of the invention for treating a disease or disorder in which the TrkA receptor may be involved, such as pain, inflammation, cancer, restenosis, atherosclerosis, psoriasis, thrombosis, a disease, disorder, injury, or malfunction relating to dysmyelination or demyelination or a disease or disorder associated with abnormal activities of nerve growth factor (NGF) receptor TrkA, by administering to the patient a compound of the invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

The invention is also directed to medicaments or pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of diseases or disorders in a patient (preferably a human) in which the TrkA receptor may be involved, such as pain, inflammation, cancer, restenosis, atherosclerosis, psoriasis, thrombosis, a disease, disorder, injury, or malfunction relating to dysmyelination or demyelination or a disease or disorder associated with abnormal activities of nerve growth factor (NGF) receptor TrkA, which comprise a compound of the invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The invention is also directed to a method for the manufacture of a medicament or a pharmaceutical composition for treating diseases in which TrkA receptor may be involved, such as pain, inflammation, cancer, restenosis, atherosclerosis, psoriasis, thrombosis, a disease, disorder, injury, or malfunction relating to dysmyelination or demyelination or a disease or disorder associated with abnormal activities of nerve growth factor (NGF) receptor TrkA comprising combining a compound of the invention or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Where a variable occurs more than once in any formula of the invention, or in a substituent thereof, the individual occur-

rences of that variable are independent of each other, unless otherwise specified. Also, combinations of substituents/or variables are permissible only if such combinations result in stable compounds.

As used herein, the term "alkyl," by itself or as part of 5 another substituent, means a saturated straight or branched chain hydrocarbon radical having the number of carbon atoms designated (e.g., C_{1-10} alkyl means an alkyl group having from one to ten carbon atoms). Preferred alkyl groups for use in the invention are C_{1-6} alkyl groups, having from one 10 to six atoms. Exemplary alkyl groups include methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, and the like. C_0 alkyl means a bond.

As used herein, the term "alkenyl," by itself or as part of another substituent, means a straight or branched chain 15 hydrocarbon radical having a single carbon-carbon double bond and the number of carbon atoms designated (e.g., C_{2-10} alkenyl means an alkenyl group having from two to ten carbon atoms). Preferred alkenyl groups for use in the invention are C_{2-6} alkenyl groups, having from two to six carbon atoms. 20 Exemplary alkenyl groups include ethenyl and propenyl.

As used herein, the term "cycloalkyl," by itself or as part of another substituent, means a saturated cyclic hydrocarbon radical having the number of carbon atoms designated (e.g., C_{3-12} cycloalkyl means a cycloalkyl group having from three 25 to twelve carbon atoms). The term cycloalkyl as used herein includes mono-, bi- and tricyclic saturated carbocycles, spirocycles, and bridged and fused ring carbocycles.

Preferred cycloalkyl groups for use in the invention are monocyclic C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl groups, having from three to 30 eight carbon atoms. Exemplary monocyclic cycloalkyl groups include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and the like. Exemplary bridged cycloalkyl groups include adamantyl and norbornyl. Exemplary fused cycloalkyl groups include decahydronaphthalene.

As used herein, the term "aryl," by itself or as part of another substituent, means an aromatic cyclic hydrocarbon radical. Preferred aryl groups have from six to ten carbons atoms. The term "aryl" includes multiple ring systems as well as single ring systems. Preferred aryl groups for use in the 40 invention include phenyl and naphthyl.

The term "aryl" also includes fused cyclic hydrocarbon rings which are partially aromatic (i.e., one of the fused rings is aromatic and the other is non-aromatic). An exemplary aryl group which is partially aromatic is indanyl.

The term heterocyclyl, heterocycle or heterocyclic, as used herein, represents a stable 5- to 7-membered monocyclic or stable 8- to 11-membered bicyclic heterocyclic ring which is either saturated or unsaturated, and which consists of carbon atoms and from one to four heteroatoms selected from the 50 group consisting of N, O, and S, and including any bicyclic group in which any of the above-defined heterocyclic rings is fused to a benzene ring. The heterocyclic ring may be attached at any heteroatom or carbon atom which results in the creation of a stable structure. The term heterocyclyl, het-55 erocycle or heterocyclic includes heteroaryl moieties. Examples of such heterocyclic elements include, but are not limited to, azepinyl, benzodioxolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzofurazanyl, benzopyranyl, benzothiopyranyl, benzofuryl, benzothiazolyl, benzothienyl, benzotriaz- 60 olyly, benzoxazolyl, chromanyl, cinnolinyl, dihydrobenzofuryl, dihydrobenzothienyl, dihydrobenzothiopyranyl, dihydrobenzothiopyranyl sulfone, 1,3-dioxolanyl, furyl, imidazolidinyl, imidazolinyl, imidazolyl, indolinyl, indolyl, isochromanyl, isoindolinyl, isoquinolinyl, isothiazo- 65 lidinyl, isothiazolyl, isothiazolidinyl, morpholinyl, naphthyridinyl, oxadiazolyl, 2-oxoazepinyl, oxazolyl, 2-oxopiperazi88

nyl, 2-oxopiperdinyl, 2-oxopyrrolidinyl, piperidyl, piperazinyl, pyridyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazolopyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolyl, quinazolinyl, quinolinyl, quinoxalinyl, tetrahydrofuryl, tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, thiamorpholinyl sulfoxide, thiazolyl, thiazolinyl, thienofuryl, thienothienyl, thienyl, and triazolyl.

The term "heteroaryl", as used herein except where noted, represents a stable 5- to 7-membered monocyclic- or stable 9to 10-membered fused bicyclic heterocyclic ring system which contains an aromatic ring, any ring of which may be saturated, such as piperidinyl, partially saturated, or unsaturated, such as pyridinyl, and which consists of carbon atoms and from one to four heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, and wherein the nitrogen and sulfur heteroatoms may optionally be oxidized, and the nitrogen heteroatom may optionally be quaternized, and including any bicyclic group in which any of the above-defined heterocyclic rings is fused to a benzene ring. The heterocyclic ring may be attached at any heteroatom or carbon atom which results in the creation of a stable structure. Examples of such heteroaryl groups include, but are not limited to, benzimidazole, benzisothiazole, benzisoxazole, benzofuran, benzothiazole, benzothiophene, benzotriazole, benzoxazole, carboline, cinnoline, furan, furazan, imidazole, indazole, indole, indolizine, isoquinoline, isothiazole, isoxazole, naphthyridine, oxadiazole, oxazole, oxopyridyl, phthalazine, pteridine, purine, pyran, pyrazine, pyrazole, pyridazine, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyrrole, quinazoline, quinoline, quinoxaline, tetrazole, thiadiazole, thiazole, thiophene, triazine, triazole, and N-oxides thereof.

When a heterocyclyl group as defined herein is substituted, the substituent may be bonded to a ring carbon atom of the heteroaryl group, or on a ring heteroatom (i.e., a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur), which has a valence which permits substitution. Preferably, the substituent is bonded to a ring carbon atom. Similarly, when a heteroaryl group is defined as a substituent herein, the point of attachment may be at a ring carbon atom of the heteroaryl group, or on a ring heteroatom (i.e., a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur), which has a valence which permits attachment. Preferably, the attachment is at a ring carbon atom.

As used herein, the term "halo" or "halogen" includes 45 fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo.

As used herein, unless otherwise specifically defined, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, and substituted heterocycle include moieties containing from 1 to 3 substitutents in addition to the point of attachment to the rest of the compound. Preferably, such substituents are selected from the group which includes but is not limited to F, Cl, Br, CF₃, NH₂, N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, NO₂, CN, (C₁-C₆ alkyl)O—, (aryl)O—, —OH, (C₁-C₆ alkyl)S(O)_m—, (C₁-C₆ alkyl)C(O)NH—, H₂N—C(NH)—, (C₁-C₆ alkyl)C(O)NH—, phenyl, pyridyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, furyl, isothiazolyl and C₁-C₂₀ alkyl.

The compounds of the invention may have one or more asymmetric centers. Compounds with asymmetric centers give rise to enantiomers (optical isomers), diastereomers (configurational isomers) or both, and it is intended that all of the possible enantiomers and diastereomers in mixtures and as pure or partially purified compounds are included within the scope of this invention. The present invention is meant to encompass all such isomeric forms of the compounds of the invention. The present invention includes all stereoisomers of formulae (I) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

The independent syntheses of the enantiomerically or diastereomerically enriched compounds, or their chromatographic separations, may be achieved as known in the art by appropriate modification of the methodology disclosed herein. Their absolute stereochemistry may be determined by the x-ray crystallography of crystalline products or crystalline intermediates that are derivatized, if necessary, with a reagent containing an asymmetric center of known absolute configuration.

If desired, racemic mixtures of the compounds may be separated so that the individual enantiomers or diastereomers are isolated. The separation can be carried out by methods well known in the art, such as the coupling of a racemic mixture of compounds to an enantiomerically pure compound to form a diastereomeric mixture, followed by separation of the individual diastereomers by standard methods, such as fractional crystallization or chromatography. The coupling reaction is often the formation of salts using an enantiomerically pure acid or base. The diastereomeric derivatives may then be converted to the pure enantiomers by cleavage of the added chiral residue. The racemic mixture of the compounds can also be separated directly by chromatographic methods using chiral stationary phases, which methods are well known in the art.

Alternatively, any enantiomer or diastereomer of a compound may be obtained by stereoselective synthesis using optically pure starting materials or reagents of known configuration by methods well known in the art.

In the compounds of the invention the atoms may exhibit their natural isotopic abundances, or one or more of the atoms 30 may be artificially enriched in a particular isotope having the same atomic number, but an atomic mass or mass number different from the atomic mass or mass number predominantly found in nature. The present invention is meant to include all suitable isotopic variations of the compounds of 35 generic formulae (I). For example, different isotopic forms of hydrogen (H) include protium (¹H) and deuterium (²H). Protium is the predominant hydrogen isotope found in nature. Enriching for deuterium may afford certain therapeutic advantages, such as increasing in vivo half-life or reducing 40 dosage requirements, or may provide a compound useful as a standard for characterization of biological samples. Isotopically-enriched compounds within generic formulae (I) can be prepared without undue experimentation by conventional techniques well known to those skilled in the art or by pro- 45 cesses analogous to those described in the Schemes and Examples herein using appropriate isotopically-enriched reagents and/or intermediates.

The term "substantially pure" means that the isolated material is at least 90% pure, and preferably 95% pure, and even 50 more preferably 99% pure as assayed by analytical techniques known in the art.

As used herein, the term TrkA' refers to one of Trk's high affinity binding protein kinase receptors that are activated by Neurotrophins (NT), a group of soluble growth factors Nerve 55 Growth Factor (NGF), Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor (BDNF) and Neurotrophin 3-5 (NT 3-5). The Trk's are made up of three family members TrkA, TrkB and TrkC that bind to and mediate the signal transduction derived from the Neurotrophins. Inhibitors of the Trk/neutrophin pathway have 60 been demonstrated to be highly effective in numerous preclinical animal models of pain. The compounds of the invention are modulators of the Trk receptors, particularly TrkA.

The term "pharmaceutically acceptable salts" refers to salts prepared from pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic 65 bases or acids including inorganic or organic bases and inorganic or organic acids. The compounds of the invention may

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be mono, di or tris salts, depending on the number of acid functionalities present in the free base form of the compound. Free bases and salts derived from inorganic bases include aluminum, ammonium, calcium, copper, ferric, ferrous, lithium, magnesium, manganic salts, manganous, potassium, sodium, zinc, and the like.

Salts in the solid form may exist in more than one crystal structure, and may also be in the form of hydrates. Salts derived from pharmaceutically acceptable organic non-toxic bases include salts of primary, secondary, and tertiary amines, substituted amines including naturally occurring substituted amines, cyclic amines, and basic ion exchange resins, such as arginine, betaine, caffeine, choline, N,N'-dibenzylethylene-diamine, diethylamine, 2-diethylaminoethanol, 2-dimethylaminoethanol, ethanolamine, ethylenediamine, N-ethylmorpholine, N-ethylpiperidine, glucamine, glucosamine, histidine, hydrabamine, isopropylamine, lysine, methylglucamine, morpholine, piperazine, piperidine, polyamine resins, procaine, purines, theobromine, triethylamine, trimethylamine, tripropylamine, tromethamine, and the like.

When the compound of the present invention is basic, salts may be prepared from pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic acids, including inorganic and organic acids. Such acids include acetic, trifluoroacetic, benzenesulfonic, benzoic, camphorsulfonic, citric, ethanesulfonic, fumaric, gluconic, glutamic, hydrobromic, hydrochloric, isethionic, lactic, maleic, malic, mandelic, methanesulfonic, mucic, nitric, pamoic, pantothenic, phosphoric, succinic, sulfuric, tartaric, para-toluenesulfonic acid, and the like.

The present invention is directed to the use of the compounds of formulae (I) disclosed herein as TrkA inhibitors in a patient or subject such as a mammal in need of such activity, comprising the administration of an effective amount of the compound. In addition to humans, a variety of other mammals can be treated according to the method of the present invention

The compounds of the present invention may have utility in treating or ameliorating pain disorders (including pain associated with cancer, surgery, and bone fracture, acute pain, inflammatory pain and neuropathic pain). The compounds of formula I also may be useful for treating cancers including neuroblastoma, ovarian, pancreatic and colorectal cancer. Other conditions that may be treated by the compounds of the invention include inflammation and certain infectious diseases, interstitial cystitis, painful bladder syndrome, urinary incontinence, asthma, anorexia, atopic dermatitis, and psoriasis. Treatment of demyelination and dysmyelination, by promoting myelination, neuronal survival, and oligodendrocyte differentiation via blocking Sp35-TrkA interaction may also be possible with the compounds of the present invention.

The compounds of formula I may also be useful in the treatment of bone-related diseases (e.g., those involved in bone resorption). Examples of bone-related diseases include metastatic bone disease, treatment-induce bone loss, osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, Paget's disease, and periodontal disease. Another bone disorder or disease that can be treated with the compounds of the claimed invention is metastatic tumor-induced osteolysis. Cancers known to cause tumor induced osteolysis are hematological malignancies such as myeloma and lymphoma and solid tumors such as breast, prostate, lung, renal and thyroid.

Pain disorders for which the compounds of the invention may be useful include neuropathic pain (such as postherpetic neuralgia, nerve injury, the "dynias", e.g., vulvodynia, phantom limb pain, root avulsions, painful diabetic neuropathy, painful traumatic mononeuropathy, painful polyneuropathy); central pain syndromes (potentially caused by virtually any

lesion at any level of the nervous system); postsurgical pain syndromes (eg, postmastectomy syndrome, postthoracotomy syndrome, stump pain); bone and joint pain (osteoarthritis), repetitive motion pain, dental pain, cancer pain, myofascial pain (muscular injury, fibromyalgia); perioperative pain (gen-5 eral surgery, gynecological), chronic pain, dysmennorhea, as well as pain associated with angina, and inflammatory pain of varied origins (e.g. osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, rheumatic disease, teno-synovitis and gout), headache, migraine and cluster headache, headache, primary hyperalgesia, secondary hyperalgesia, primary allodynia, secondary allodynia, or other pain caused by central sensitization.

Compounds of the invention may also be used to treat or prevent dyskinesias. Furthermore, compounds of the invention may be used to decrease tolerance and/or dependence to 15 opioid treatment of pain, and for treatment of withdrawal syndrome of e.g., alcohol, opioids, and cocaine.

The subject or patient to whom the compounds of the present invention is administered is generally mammals such a human being, male or female, in whom Trk-A, Trk-B and/or 20 Trk-C modulation is desired. Thus, an aspect of the present invention is a method of treating diseases with an inhibitor of Trk-A, Trk-B and/or Trk-C comprising administering to said mammal one or more compounds of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in an amount effective to 25 treat or prevent said disorder. For purposes of this invention mammals include dogs, cats, mice, rats, cattle, horses, sheep, rabbits, monkeys, chimpanzees or other apes or primates, for which treatment of the above noted disorders is desired.

The compounds of the present invention may be used in 30 combination with one or more other drugs in the treatment of diseases or conditions for which the compounds of the present invention have utility, where the combination of the drugs together are safer or more effective than either drug alone. Additionally, the compounds of the present invention 35 may be used in combination with one or more other drugs that treat, prevent, control, ameliorate, or reduce the risk of side effects or toxicity of the compounds of the present invention. Such other drugs may be administered, by a route and in an sequentially with the compounds of the present invention. Accordingly, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention include those that contain one or more other active ingredients, in addition to the compounds of the present invention. The combinations may be administered as part of a 45 unit dosage form combination product, or as a kit or treatment protocol wherein one or more additional drugs are administered in separate dosage forms as part of a treatment regimen.

Examples of combinations of the compounds include combinations with agents for the treatment of pain, for example 50 steroids such as dexamethasone, cortisone, and fluticasone, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, such as aspirin, diclofenac, duflunisal, fenoprofen, flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, indomethacin, ketoprofen, ketorolac, naproxen, oxaprozin, piroxicam, sulindae and tolmetin; COX-2 inhibitors, such as 55 celecoxib, rofecoxib and valdecoxib; CB-2 agonists; VR-1 antagonists; bradykinin B 1 receptor antagonists; sodium channel blockers and antagonists; nitric oxide synthase (NOS) inhibitors (including iNOS and nNOS inhibitors); glycine site antagonists, including lacosamide; neuronal nico- 60 tinic agonists; NMDA antagonists; potassium channel openers; AMPA/kainate receptor antagonists; calcium channel blockers, such as ziconotide; GABA-A receptor IO modulators (e.g., a GABA-A receptor agonist); matrix metalloprotease (MMP) inhibitors; thrombolytic agents; chemothera- 65 peutic agents, opioid analgesics such as codeine, fentanyl, hydromorphone, levorphanol, meperidine, methadone, mor92

phine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, pentazocine, propoxyphene; neutrophil inhibitory factor (NIF); pramipexole, ropinirole; anticholinergics; amantadine; monoamine oxidase B15 ("MAO-B") inhibitors; 5HT receptor agonists or antagonists; mGlu5 antagonists; alpha agonists; neuronal nicotinic agonists; NMDA receptor agonists or antagonists; NKI antagonists; selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors ("SSRI") and/or selective serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors ("SSNRI"), such as duloxetine; tricyclic antidepressant drugs, norepinephrine modulators; lithium; valproate; gabapentin; pregabalin; rizatriptan; zolmitriptan; naratriptan and sumatriptan.

Another aspect of the present invention is directed to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier. Still another aspect of the present invention is directed to a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use in the treatment of a condition treatable with an inhibitor of Trk-A, Trk-B and/or Trk-C, such as the disorders, conditions and/or diseases described herein. Still another aspect is directed to an invention where use of a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in the treatment of pain, cancer, inflammation, neurodegenerative disease or typanosoma *cruzi* infection may be possible.

The term "composition" as used herein is intended to encompass a product comprising specified ingredients in predetermined amounts or proportions, as well as any product which results, directly or indirectly, from combination of the specified ingredients in the specified amounts. This term in relation to pharmaceutical compositions is intended to encompass a product comprising one or more active ingredients, and an optional carrier comprising inert ingredients, as well as any product which results, directly or indirectly, from combination, complexation or aggregation of any two or more of the ingredients, or from dissociation of one or more of the ingredients, or from other types of reactions or interactions of one or more of the ingredients.

In general, pharmaceutical compositions are prepared by amount commonly used therefor, contemporaneously or 40 uniformly and intimately bringing the active ingredient into association with a liquid carrier or a finely divided solid carrier or both, and then, if necessary, shaping the product into the desired formulation. In the pharmaceutical composition the active compound, which is a compound of formula (I), is included in an amount sufficient to produce the desired effect upon the process or condition of diseases. Accordingly, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention encompass any composition made by admixing a compound of the present invention and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

> The carrier may take a wide variety of forms depending on the form of preparation desired for administration, e.g., oral or parenteral (including intravenous). Thus, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention can be presented as discrete units suitable for oral administration such as capsules, cachets or tablets each containing a predetermined amount of the active ingredient. Further, the compositions can be presented as a powder, as granules, as a solution, as a suspension in an aqueous liquid, as a non-aqueous liquid, as an oil-in-water emulsion or as a water-in-oil liquid emulsion. In addition to the common dosage forms set out above, the compounds of the invention, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, may also be administered by controlled release means and/or delivery devices.

Pharmaceutical compositions intended for oral use may be prepared according to any method known to the art for the manufacture of pharmaceutical compositions and such com-

positions may contain one or more agents selected from the group consisting of sweetening agents, flavoring agents, coloring agents and preserving agents in order to provide pharmaceutically elegant and palatable preparations. Tablets may contain the active ingredient in admixture with non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable excipients which are suitable for the manufacture of tablets. These excipients may be, for example, inert diluents, such as calcium carbonate, sodium carbonate, lactose, calcium phosphate or sodium phosphate; granulating and disintegrating agents, for example, corn starch, or alginic acid; binding agents, for example starch, gelatin or acacia, and lubricating agents, for example magnesium stearate, stearic acid or talc. The tablets may be uncoated or they may be coated by known techniques to delay disintegration and absorption in the gastrointestinal tract and thereby provide a sustained action over a longer period.

A tablet containing the composition of this invention may be prepared by compression or molding, optionally with one or more accessory ingredients or adjuvants. Compressed tablets may be prepared by compressing, in a suitable machine, the active ingredient in a free-flowing form such as powder or granules, optionally mixed with a binder, lubricant, inert diluent, surface active or dispersing agent. Molded tablets may be made by molding in a suitable machine, a mixture of the 25 powdered compound moistened with an inert liquid diluent. Each tablet preferably contains from about 0.1 mg to about 500 mg of the active ingredient and each cachet or capsule preferably containing from about 0.1 mg to about 500 mg of the active ingredient.

Compositions for oral use may also be presented as hard gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with an inert solid diluent, for example, calcium carbonate, calcium phosphate or kaolin, or as soft gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with water or an oil medium, for 35 example peanut oil, liquid paraffin, or olive oil.

Other pharmaceutical compositions include aqueous suspensions, which contain the active materials in admixture with excipients suitable for the manufacture of aqueous suspensions. In addition, oily suspensions may be formulated by suspending the active ingredient in a vegetable oil, for example arachis oil, olive oil, sesame oil or coconut oil, or in a mineral oil such as liquid paraffin. Oily suspensions may also contain various excipients. The pharmaceutical compositions of the invention may also be in the form of oil-in-water emulsions, which may also contain excipients such as sweetening and flavoring agents.

The pharmaceutical compositions may be in the form of a sterile injectable aqueous or oleaginous suspension, or in the form of sterile powders for the extemporaneous preparation of such sterile injectable solutions or dispersions. In all cases, the final injectable form must be sterile and must be effectively fluid for easy syringability. The pharmaceutical compositions must be stable under the conditions of manufacture and storage; thus, preferably should be preserved against the contaminating action of microorganisms such as bacteria and funci

Pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention can be in a form suitable for topical use such as, for example, an aerosol, cream, ointment, lotion, dusting powder, or the like. 60 Further, the compositions can be in a form suitable for use in transdermal devices. These formulations may be prepared via conventional processing methods. As an example, a cream or ointment is prepared by mixing hydrophilic material and water, together with about 5 wt % to about 10 wt % of the 65 compound, to produce a cream or ointment having a desired consistency.

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Pharmaceutical compositions of this invention can also be in a form suitable for rectal administration wherein the carrier is a solid. It is preferable that the mixture forms unit dose suppositories. Suitable carriers include cocoa butter and other materials commonly used in the art.

By "pharmaceutically acceptable" it is meant the carrier, diluent or excipient must be compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation and not deleterious to the recipient thereof.

The terms "administration of" or "administering a" compound should be understood to mean providing a compound of the invention to the individual in need of treatment in a form that can be introduced into that individual's body in a therapeutically useful form and therapeutically useful amount, including, but not limited to: oral dosage forms, such as tablets, capsules, syrups, suspensions, and the like; injectable dosage forms, such as IV, IM, or IP, and the like; transdermal dosage forms, including creams, jellies, powders, or patches; buccal dosage forms; inhalation powders, sprays, suspensions, and the like; and rectal suppositories.

The terms "effective amount" or "therapeutically effective amount" means the amount of the subject compound that will elicit the biological or medical response of a tissue, system, animal or human that is being sought by the researcher, veterinarian, medical doctor or other clinician.

As used herein, the term "treatment" or "treating" means any administration of a compound of the present invention and includes (1) inhibiting the disease in an animal that is experiencing or displaying the pathology or symptomatology of the diseased (i.e., arresting further development of the pathology and/or symptomatology), or (2) ameliorating the disease in an animal that is experiencing or displaying the pathology or symptomatology of the diseased (i.e., reversing the pathology and/or symptomatology).

The compositions containing compounds of the present invention may conveniently be presented in unit dosage form and may be prepared by any of the methods well known in the art of pharmacy. The term "unit dosage form" is taken to mean a single dose wherein all active and inactive ingredients are combined in a suitable system, such that the patient or person administering the drug to the patient can open a single container or package with the entire dose contained therein, and does not have to mix any components together from two or more containers or packages. Typical examples of unit dosage forms are tablets or capsules for oral administration, single dose vials for injection, or suppositories for rectal administration. This list of unit dosage forms is not intended to be limiting in any way, but merely to represent typical examples of unit dosage forms.

The compositions containing compounds of the present invention may conveniently be presented as a kit, whereby two or more components, which may be active or inactive ingredients, carriers, diluents, and the like, are provided with instructions for preparation of the actual dosage form by the patient or person administering the drug to the patient. Such kits may be provided with all necessary materials and ingredients contained therein, or they may contain instructions for using or making materials or components that must be obtained independently by the patient or person administering the drug to the patient.

When treating or ameliorating a disorder or disease for which compounds of the present invention are indicated, generally satisfactory results are obtained when the compounds of the present invention are administered at a daily dosage of from about 0.1 mg to about 100 mg per kg of animal body weight, preferably given as a single daily dose or in divided doses two to six times a day, or in sustained release

form. The total daily dosage is from about 1.0 mg to about 2000 mg, preferably from about 0.1 mg to about 20 mg per kg of body weight. In the case of a 70 kg adult human, the total daily dose will generally be from about 7 mg to about 1,400 mg. This dosage regimen may be adjusted to provide the 5 optimal therapeutic response. The compounds may be administered on a regimen of 1 to 4 times per day, preferably once or twice per day.

The amount of active ingredient that may be combined with the carrier materials to produce a single dosage form will vary depending upon the host treated and the particular mode of administration. For example, a formulation intended for the oral administration to humans may conveniently contain from about 0.005 mg to about 2.5 g of active agent, compounded with an appropriate and convenient amount of carrier material. Unit dosage forms will generally contain between from about 0.005 mg to about 1000 mg of the active ingredient, typically 0.005, 0.01 mg, 0.05 mg, 0.25 mg, 1 mg, 5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg, 400 mg, 500 mg, 600 mg, 800 mg or 1000 mg, administered once, twice or 20 three times a day.

It will be understood, however, that the specific dose level and frequency of dosage for any particular patient may be varied and will depend upon a variety of factors including the activity of the specific compound employed, the metabolic 25 stability and length of action of that compound, the age, body weight, general health, sex, diet, mode and time of administration, rate of excretion, drug combination, the severity of the particular condition, and the host undergoing therapy.

Several methods for preparing the compounds of this 30 invention are illustrated in the following Schemes and

claims and often, for clarity, a single substituent is shown attached to the compound where multiple substituents are allowed under the definitions hereinabove. Reactions used to generate the compounds of this invention are prepared by employing reactions as shown in the schemes and examples herein, in addition to other standard manipulations such as ester hydrolysis, cleavage of protecting groups, etc., as may be known in the literature or exemplified in the experimental procedures.

During any of the synthetic sequences it may be necessary or desirable to protect sensitive or reactive groups on any of the molecules concerned. This may be achieved by means of conventional protecting groups, such as those described in *Protective Groups in Organic Chemistry*, ed. J. F. W. McOmie, Plenum Press, 1973, and T. W. Greene & P/G. M. Wuts, *Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis*, John Wiley & Sons, 1999. The protecting groups may be removed at a convenient sequent stage using methods known from the art.

In some cases the final product may be further modified, for example, by manipulation of substituents. These manipulations may include, but are not limited to, reduction, oxidation, alkylation, acylation, and hydrolysis reactions which are commonly known to those skilled in the art. In some cases the order of carrying out the foregoing reaction schemes may be varied to facilitate the reaction or to avoid unwanted reaction products. The following examples are provided so that the invention might be more fully understood. These examples are illustrative only and should not be construed as limiting the invention in any way.

Scheme I

Scheme I

$$R_1$$
 NH2,
 R_2 NaBH4

 R_1 NH2,
 R_1 NH2,
 R_2 1-4

 R_1 NH2,
 R_2 1-7

 R_1 NH2,
 R_2 1-7

 R_2 1-7

 R_2 1-7

Examples. Starting materials and the requisite intermediates are in some cases commercially available, or can be prepared 60 according to literature procedures or as illustrated herein.

The compounds of this invention, compounds 1 through 163, may be prepared by employing reactions as shown in the following schemes, in addition to other standard manipulations that are known in the literature or exemplified in the experimental procedures. Substituent numbering as shown in the schemes does not necessarily correlate to that used in the

Reaction Scheme I illustrates the preparation of the compounds of the invention, starting with aldehyde 1-1. This material is reductively aminated with the appropriates amine to give benzylic amine 1-3. Alternatively 1-3 can be prepared by displacement of benzylic chloride 1-2 with the desired amine. Primary ureas 1-4 can then be prepared by reaction of 1-3 with the appropriate isocyanate. Secondary ureas 1-5 can be prepared by reacting amine 1-3 with phosgene followed by addition of the desired secondary amine

OHC

 R_1 — NH_2

Reaction Scheme II illustrates the preparation of the compounds of the invention starting with boronic acid 2-1. The material can be converted by displacement of the benzylic bromide to yield the corresponding secondary amine 2-2. Formation of the desired urea 2-3 is performed as described in Scheme I. This material can then be subjected to palladium 45 catalyzed cross-coupling reactions to proved 2-4.

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Reaction Scheme III illustrates the preparation of the compounds of the invention in which the urea is part of a ring system. The formation of the tetrahydropyrimidinone system begins with the appropriate aniline 3-1. Formation of the urea is accomplished by treatment with 1-chloro-3-isocyanatopropane. Ring formation by is accomplished by treatment with sodium hydride. Alkylation with a desired aryl halide provided the tetrahydropyrimidinone system 3-3. The corresponding imidazolidinone system is prepared starting from aldehyde 3-4. Reductive amination yields diamine 3-5. Deprotection and ring closure to provide 3-6 is followed by alkylation with the appropriate aryl halide to afford imidazolidinone 3-7.

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$$R_{1} \longrightarrow NH \qquad Ar \longrightarrow NAh, DMF \qquad R_{1} \longrightarrow N$$

$$4-3 \qquad 4-4 \qquad 4-4$$

Reaction Scheme IV illustrates the preparation of the compounds of the invention in which the urea is part of a substituted ring system. The Scheme starts with the appropriately substituted amino alcohol 4-1. Reaction with an isocyanate yields urea 4-2 and subsequent ring closure under Mitsunobu conditions results in the substituted imidazolidinone 4-3. Finally, alkylation with the appropriate benzylic halide provides the target system 4-4.

(d, J=5.4 Hz, 2 H); 3.72 (s, 2 H); 2.73-2.63 (m, 1 H); 0.98 (d, J=6.2 Hz, 6 H). LRMS m/z (M+H) 233.2 found, 233.1 required.

1-propan-2-yl-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]urea (17)

To a solution of N-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]propan-2-amine (35 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 eq) in dichloromethane (2.5 mL) was added 1-isocyanato-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene (30 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 eq) and the reaction was stirred at 23° C. for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by reverse phase liquid chromatography (Gemini-NX C18, 5 μ m, 30×100 mm column; 0-100% CH₃CN/H₂O gradient w/0.10% TFA present) to yield 1-propan-2-yl-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]urea as a white solid. 1 H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 8.58 (s, 1 H);

Example for reaction Scheme I

 $N\hbox{-}[3\hbox{-}(1,3\hbox{-}thiazol\hbox{-}2\hbox{-}yl)benzyl] propan-2\hbox{-}amine$

To a solution of 3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzaldehyde (15 g, 81 mmol, 1.0 eq) in THF (100 mL) was added trimethyl ortho- $_{50}$ formate (9.0 mL, 8.6 g, 81 mmol, 1.0 eq) followed by isopropyl amine (11 mL, 7.3 g, 120 mmol, 1.5 eq) and the resulting reaction was stirred at 23° C. for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was dissolved in methanol (100 mL). 55 Sodium borohydride (6.1 g, 160 mmol, 2.0 eq) was added portionwise over 30 minutes and after addition was complete the reaction was stirred for an additional 30 minutes at 23° C. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was partitioned between ethyl 60 acetate (200 mL) and 1M aqueous potassium carbonate solution. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×2) and the combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield N-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]pro- 65 pan-2-amine (15 g, 80%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 7.91-7.86 (m, 2 H); 7.77-7.72 (m, 2 H); 7.39

 $\begin{array}{l} 7.93\text{-}7.88\ (m,2\ H);\ 7.80\text{-}7.75\ (m,2\ H);\ 7.56\ (d,J=8.7\ Hz,2\ H);\ 7.45\ (t,J=7.7\ Hz,1\ H);\ 7.38\ (d,J=7.7\ Hz,1\ H);\ 7.22\ (d,J=8.6\ Hz,2\ H);\ 4.63\ (s,2\ H);\ 4.54\text{-}4.48\ (m,1\ H);\ 1.12\ (d,J=6.6\ Hz,6\ H).\ LRMS\ m/z\ (M+H)\ 436.1\ found,\ 436.1\ required. \end{array}$

N,N-dimethyl-4-({propan-2-yl[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl) benzyl]carbamoyl}amino)benzenesulfonamide (99)

To a solution of 4-amino-N,N-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide (50 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 eq) and diisopropylethylamine (0.22 mL, 160 mg, 1.2 mmol, 5.0 eq) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was added 20% phosgene in toluene (1 mL). After stirring for 15 minutes at room temperature the solvent was evaporated and to the resulting residue was added a solution of N-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]propan-2-amine (64 mg, 0.27 mmol, 1.1 eq) in dichloromethane (2.0 mL) and the reaction was stirred at 23° C. for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the

resulting residue was purified by reverse phase liquid chromatography (Gemini-NX C18, 5 $\mu m, 30 \times 100$ mm column; 0-100% CH₃CN/H₂O gradient w/0.10% TFA present) to yield 1-propan-2-yl-3-[4-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxyl)phenyl]-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]urea. 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): 1H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 7.92 (s, 1 H); 7.87-7.79 (m, 2H); 7.64-7.58 (m, 5 H); 7.47-7.40 (m, 2 H); 4.70 (s, 2 H); 4.63-4.52 (m, 1 H); 2.63 (s, 6 H); 1.24 (d, J=6.7 Hz, 6 H). LRMS m/z (M+H) 459.3 found, 459.2 required.

Example of Reaction Scheme II

1-[3-(6-methoxy-1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-3-[4-(trif-luoromethoxy)phenyl urea (29)

To a solution of isopropylamine (15 mL, 10 g, 180 mmol, 10 eq) in dichloromethane (100 mL) was added dropwise a

suspension of 2-[3-(bromomethyl)phenyl]-5,5-dimethyl-1,3, 2-dioxaborinane (5.0 g, 18 mmol, 1.0 eq) in dichloromethane (75 mL) over 1 hour. After the addition was complete the reaction was stirred for an additional hour at 23° C. and then the reaction solution was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to yield N-[3-(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinan-2-yl)benzyl]propan-2-amine (4.2 g, 91%) as a clear oil. LRMS m/z (M+H) 516.2 found, 262.2 required.

To a solution of N-[3-(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinan-2-yl)benzyl]propan-2-amine (4.2 g, 16 mmol, 1.0 eq) in dichloromethane (100 mL) was added 1-isocyanato-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene (3.8 g, 19 mmol, 1.2 eq) and the reaction was stirred at 23° C. for 1 hour. The reaction was concentrated to a yellow oil which was covered with a layer of hexanes and vigorously stirred. After 1.5 hours 1-[3-(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinan-2-yl)benzyl]-1-propan-2-yl-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]urea (4.7 g, 63%) was collected by filtration as a white solid. LRMS m/z (M+H) 516.2 found, 465.2 required.

A solution of 1-[3-(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinan-2-yl) benzyl]-1-propan-2-yl-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]urea (60 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 eq), 2-chloro-6-methoxy-1,3-benzothiazole (34 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1.3 eq), and potassium acetate (50 mg, 0.51 mmol, 3.9 eq) in DME (2 mL) and water (1 mL)had nitrogen bubbled through it for 10 minutes prior to the addition of tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (15 mg, 0.013 mmol, 0.10 eq). The reaction vessel was then sealed and heated at 90° C. for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the resulting residue was dissolved in DMSO. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was purified by reverse phase liquid chromatography to yield 1-[3-(6methoxy-1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy) phenyl urea. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 8.60 (s, 1 H); 7.99-7.91 (m, 2 H); 7.87 (d, J=7.7 Hz, 1 H); 7.71 (d, J=2.6 Hz, 1 H); 7.56 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 2 H); 7.50 (t, J=7.7 Hz, 1 H); 7.43 (d, J=7.7 Hz, 1 H); 7.22 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2 H); 7.13 (d, J=9.1 Hz, 1 H); 4.65 (s, 2 H); 4.55-4.48 (m, 1 H); 3.85 (s, 3 H); 1.13 (d, J=6.6 Hz, 6 H). LRMS m/z (M+H) 516.2 found, 516.2 required.

Compound 1

1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-3-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl] phenyl}urea (1)

To a solution of isopropylamine (0.52 mL, 6.09 mmol) was added 1-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-3-formyl-7-azaindole (1.50 g,

6.09 mmol) in 10 mL MeOH. The solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 2 h. Sodium borohydride (576 mg, 15.2 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was concentrated and partitioned between 10% $\rm K_2CO_3$ and ether. The organics were washed with water and brine, then dried over $\rm Na_2SO_4$, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was carried on to the next step. LCMS [M+H]⁺=190.2.

To a solution N-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridine-3-ylmethyl) propan-2-amine (100 mg, 0.528 mmol) in 20 mL DCM was added 4-trifluoromethylthio)phenyl isocyanate (116 mg, 0.528 mmol). The solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 2 h and then concentrated. The residue was purified on a Gilson reverse phase preparatory instrument, followed by purification by silica gel chromatography (0-50% ethylacetate/hexanes) to give 1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-3-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl] phenyl}urea. ¹H NMR (399 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.47 (s, 1 H); 8.40 (s, 1 H); 8.00 (d, J=7.9 Hz, 1 H); 7.43 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 2 H); 7.27-7.10 (m, 4 H); 6.67 (s, 1 H); 4.79-4.69 (m, 1 H); 4.60 (s, 2 H); 1.26 (d, J=6.8 Hz, 6 H). LCMS [M+H]*=409.4.

Compound 4

1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-3-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl] phenyl}urea

To a solution of 1H-pyrrolo[2,3-B]pyridine-3-carbaldehyde (2.0 g, 13.7 mmol) in 20 mL DMF at 0° C. was added NaH (328 mg, 13.7 mmol). The suspension was allowed to stir at 0° C. for 30 min, then [2-(chloromethoxy)ethyl](trimethyl)silane (2.67 mL, 15.1 mmol) was slowly added. The reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred for 16 h. The mixture was concentrated and partitioned between saturated NaHCO₃ and CH_2Cl_2 . The organics were washed with water and brine, then dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The crude solid was triturated with CH_2Cl_2 and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel chromatography (0-25% ethylacetate/hexanes) to give 1-{[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridine-3-carbaldehyde (66%). LCMS [M+H]⁺=277.1.

To a solution of isopropylamine (0.58 mL, 6.76 mmol) was added 1-{[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-1H-pyrrolo[2, 3-b]pyridine-3-carbaldehyde (1.25 g, 4.52 mmol) in 10 mL MeOH. The solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 h. Sodium borohydride (428 mg, 11.3 mmol) was added, and 65 the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was concentrated and partitioned between

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saturated NaHCO₃ and ethylacetate. The organics were washed with water and brine, then dried over Na $_2$ SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was carried on to the next step. LCMS [M+H] $^+$ =320.2

To a solution of 4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]aniline (180 mg, 0.80 mmol) in 2 mL dichlroethane at 0° C. was added triethylamine (0.250 mL, 1.76 mmol) and triphosgene (71 mg, 0.24 mmol). The solution was allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 10 min. To the crude reaction mixture of {4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]phenyl}carbamic chloride was added N-[(1-{[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy|methyl}-1H-pyrrolo [2,3-b]pyridin-3-yl)methyl]propan-2-amine (256 mg, 0.80 mmol) and the reaction was allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 16 h. The mixture was concentrated and partitioned between saturated NaHCO3 and ethylacetate. The organics were washed with water and brine, then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel chromatography to give 1-propan-2-yl-3-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]phenyl}-1-[(1-{[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b] pyridin-3-yl)methyl]urea (38%). LCMS [M+H]⁺=571.2.

To a solution of 1-propan-2-yl-3-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]phenyl}-1-[(1-{[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-yl)methyl]urea (167 mg, 0.29 mmol) in 1 mL THF was added 1 M tetrabutylammonium fluoride in THF (1.46 mL, 1.46 mmol). The reaction was heated to reflux for 1 h then treated with additional 1M tetrabutylammonium fluoride in THF (0.73 mL, 0.73 mmol). The solution was heated to reflux for 16 h, cooled to ambient temperature, and partitioned between saturated NaHCO₃ and ethylacetate. The organics were washed with water and brine, then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified on a Gilson reverse phase preparatory instrument, followed by purification by silica gel chromatography (CH2Cl2/MeOH followed by ethylacetate/hexanes) to give 1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylm-35 ethyl)-3-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]phenyl}urea. NMR (400 MHz, CD₃ OD): δ 8.19 (dd, J=4.8, 1.5 Hz, 1 H); 8.12 (dd, J=7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1 H); 7.90 (d, J=8.9 Hz, 2 H); 7.77 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 2 H); 7.33 (s, 1 H); 7.11 (dd, J=7.9, 4.8 Hz, 1 H); 4.79 (s, 2 H); 4.53-4.47 (m, 1 H); 1.25 (d, J=6.7 Hz, 6 H).

Compound 5

40 LCMS [M+H]+=441.1.

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4,4-dimethyl-3-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylm-ethyl)-1-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl] phenyl}tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one (5)

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To a solution of 1-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-3-formyl-7-aza-indole (2.5 g, 10.2 mmol) in 16 mL EtOH was added NaBH₄ (115 mg, 3.05 mmol). The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for 4 h, concentrated and triturated with 1N NaOH. The basic solution was extracted with ether and ethylacetate. The organics were washed with water and brine, then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel chromatography (50% ethylacetate/hexanes) to give tert-butyl 3-(hydroxymethyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridine-1-carboxylate (44%). LCMS [M-tert-Bu]⁺=191.1.

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To a solution of tert-butyl 3-(hydroxymethyl)-1H-pyrrolo [2,3-b]pyridine-1-carboxylate (270 mg, 1.09 mmol) in 2.5 mL DMF was added triphenylphospine (285 mg, 1.09 mmol) and carbon tetrachloride (167 mg, 1.09 mmol). The reaction was allowed to stir 16 h at ambient temperature. The solution was concentrated and purified by silica gel chromatography (0-50% ethylacetate/hexanes) to give tert-butyl 3-(chloromethyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridine-1-carboxylate (8.6%). $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ 8.56-8.55 (d, J=4.9 Hz, 1H), 8.02-8.00 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 1H), 5.30 (s, 2H), 1.54 (s, 9H).

To a solution of 3-amino-3-methyl-butan-1-ol (941 mg, 9.12 mmol) in 10 mL THF was added 4-(trifluoromethylthio) phenylisocyanate (2.0 g, 9.12 mmol). The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 h. The solution was concentrated and subjected to a hot filtration with CH₂Cl₂, to give solid 1-(4-hydroxy-2-methylbutan-2-yl)-3-{4-[trifluorom-15 ethyl)sulfanyl]phenyl}urea (95%). LCMS [M+H]*=323.1.

To a solution of the 1-(4-hydroxy-2-methylbutan-2-yl)-3-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]phenyl}urea (1.4 g, 4.34 mmol), in 10 mL THF was added triphenylphosphine (1.71 g, 6.51 mmol). The solution was degassed, and diisopropylazodicarboxylate (1.27 mL, 6.51 mmol) was added drop wise to the solution. The reaction was degassed and allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 16 h. The solution was concentrated, and 200 mg of the crude residue was purified on a Gilson reverse phase preparatory instrument to give 18 mg 4,4-dimethyl-1-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]

To a solution of the 4,4-dimethyl-1-{4-[(trifluoromethyl) sulfanyl]phenyl}tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one (10 mg, 0.03 mmol) in 2 mL DMF was added NaH (2.4 mg, 0.03 mmol). The mixture was allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 10 min. The reaction was treated with tert-butyl 3-(chloromethyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridine-1-carboxylate (8.8 mg, 0.03 mmol) and allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 16 h. The reaction was partitioned between water and ether. The organics were washed with water and brine, then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography to give 4,4-dimethyl-3-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-1-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]phenyl}tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one. ¹H NMR (399 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.05 (s, 1 H); 8.30 (d, J=4.7 Hz, 1 H); 8.11 (d, J=7.9 Hz, 1 H); 7.63 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 2 H); 7.46-7.41 (m, 2 H); 7.36 (s, 1 H); 7.11-7.06 (m, 1 H); 4.80 (s, 2 H); 3.76-3.69 (m, 2H); 2.04-1.97 (m, 2 H); 1.36 (s, 6 H). LCMS [M+H]⁺=435.3.

Compound 10

1-(1-methylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl) benzyl]-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]urea (10)

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But-3-yn-2-amine hydrochloride (1.4 g, 13.3 mmol) was partitioned between saturated NaCO₃ and ether. The organics were washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 900 mg but-3-yn-2-amine. To a solution of 2-[3-(chloromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazole (100 mg, 0.48 mmol) in 5 mL CH₂Cl₂ was added but-3-yn-2-amine (330 mg, 4.77 mmol). The reaction was allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 16 hours, then transferred to a sealed tube and heated to reflux in a sealed tube for 1 h. The crude amine was concentrated from CH₂Cl₂ twice and used crude. LCMS [M+H]⁺=243.1.

To a solution of the crude N-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl] but-3-yn-2-amine (25 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 1 mL $\rm CH_2Cl_2$ was added 1-isocyanato-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene (31 mg, 0.16 mmol). The reaction was allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 5 min, concentrated, and purified on a Waters reverse phase preparatory instrument to give 1-(1-methyl-prop-2-yn-1-yl)-1-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-3-[4-(trif-luoromethoxy)phenyl]urea. 1 H NMR (399 MHz, $\rm CD_3$ OD): δ 7.96 (s, 1 H); 7.84 (d, J=10.5 Hz, 2 H); 7.60 (d, J=3.5 Hz, 1 H); 7.47 (d, J=4.9 Hz, 2 H); 7.38 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 2 H); 7.14 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2 H); 5.39 (d, J=7.7 Hz, 1 H); 4.94-4.76 (m, 2 H) 2.83-2.81 (m, 1 H); 1.42 (d, J=7.1 Hz, 3 H). LCMS [M+H]^+=446.2.

Compound 74

4,4-dimethyl-3-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-1-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]imidazolidin-2-one (74)

1-(1-hydroxy-2-methylpropan-2-yl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]urea was prepared similar to compound 5, but the following reagents were used: 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol and 4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenylisocyanate. LCMS [M+H]⁺=293.1.

4,4-dimethyl-1-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]imidazoli-din-2-one was prepared similar to procedure for compound 5, using 1-(1-hydroxy-2-methylpropan-2-yl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]urea. 1 H NMR (399 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26 (s, 2 H); 7.12 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 2 H); 4.09 (s, 2 H); 1.37 (s, 6 H). LCMS [M+H]⁺=275.1.

4,4-dimethyl-3-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]-1-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]imidazolidin-2-one was prepared similar to procedure for compound 5, using the following reagents: 4,4-dimethyl-1-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]imidazolidin-2-one and 2-[3-(chloromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazole. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 87.94 (s, 1 H); 7.87-7.78 (m, 2 H); 7.58 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2 H); 7.45 (d, J=7.7 Hz, 1 H); 7.38 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 1 H); 7.32 (d, J=3.2 Hz, 1 H); 4.50 (s, 2 H); 3.56 (s, 2 H); 1.28 (s, 6 H). LCMS [M+H]*=448.2.

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Compound 121

1-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-3-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl] tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one (121)

To a solution of 4-tert-butylaniline (1.0 g, 1.07 mmol) in 5 mL toluene was added 3-chloropropylisocyanate (0.69 mL, 6.70 mmol). The reaction was allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 16 h. The reaction was partitioned between saturated NaHCO3 and ethylacetate. The organics were washed with water and brine, then dried over $\rm Na_2SO_4$, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography to give 1-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-3-(3-chloropropyl)urea (31%). LCMS [M+H]⁺=269.2.

To a solution of 1-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-3-(3-chloropropyl) urea (380 mg, 1.41 mmol) in 2.5 mL DMF was added 2.5 mL THF. Sodium hydride (50.9 mg, 2.12 mmol) was added to the solution, and the mixture was allowed to stir at ambient tem- 30 perature for 16 h. The presence of the desired intermediate, 1-(4-tert-butylphenyl)tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one detected by LCMS. LCMS [M+H]⁺=233.2. To the crude reaction mixture containing 1-(4-tert-butylphenyl)tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one (100 mg, 0.43 mmol) was added sodium 35 hydride (10.3 mg, 0.43 mmol). The reaction was allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 16 h. The solvent was concentrated and purified on a Gilson reverse phase preparatory instrument to give—(4-tert-butylphenyl)-3-[3-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzyl]tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one. (12%). NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 7.94 (d, J=3.2 Hz, 1 H); 7.89-7.82 (m, 2 H); 7.80 (d, J=3.2 Hz, 1 H); 7.51-7.47 (m, 1 H); 7.40 (d, J=7.7 Hz, 1 H); 7.34 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2 H); 7.21 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2 H); 4.58 (s, 2 H); 3.66 (t, J=5.6 Hz, 2 H); 3.34 (t, J=6.0 Hz, 2H); 2.02 (t, J=5.9 Hz, 2H); 1.28 (s, 9H). LCMS $[M+H]^+$ =406.2.

Compound 6

1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-3-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl] phenyl}urea (6)

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To a solution of isopropylamine (1.38 mL, 16.0 mmol) in 15 mL CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ was added a suspension of tert-butyl 3-(bromomethyl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine-1-carboxylate (500 mg, 1.60 mmol) in 6 mL CH $_2$ Cl $_2$. The reaction was allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 64 h. The mixture was washed with brine, dried over Na $_2$ SO $_4$, filtered, concentrated. The presence of the desired intermediate, tert-butyl 3-[(propan-2-ylamino)methyl]-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine-1-carboxylate was detected by LCMS and used crude. LCMS [M+H]*= 291.2.

To crude tert-butyl 3-[(propan-2-ylamino)methyl]-1Hpyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine-1-carboxylate (75 mg, 0.26 mmol) in 2 mL CH₂Cl₂ was added 4-(trifluoromethylthio) phenylisocyanate (57 mg, 0.26 mmol). The reaction was allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 16 h. To the reaction solution was added trifluoroacetic acid (1.0 mL, 1.35 mmol). The solution was allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 1 h, concentrated, and purified on a Gilson reverse phase preparatory instrument. The aqueous fractions were partitioned between saturated Na₂CO₃ and ethylacetate. The organics were washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂CO₃, filtered, and purified by silica gel chromatography to give 1-(1methylethyl)-1-(1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-3-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]phenyl}urea. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.69 (s, 1 H); 8.62 (dd, J=4.6, 1.5 Hz, 1 H); 8.54 (s, 1 H); 8.22 (dd, J=8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1 H); 7.51 (d, J=3.1 Hz, 4H); 7.24-7.21 (m, 1 H); 4.71 (s, 2 H); 4.61-4.51 (m, 1 H); 1.24 (d, J=6.8 Hz, 6 H. LCMS [M+H]*=410.1. Biological Utility

TrkA kinase activity was measured as the ability of the enzyme to phosphorylate a fluorescently labeled peptide substrate. Buffer salts, reagents, and fluorescently labeled peptides were purchased from Carna Biosciences and were of the highest quality available (QSS Assist TRKA_MSA Kit). Enzyme was purchased from Cell Signaling, and was used without further purification. 384-well round bottom assay plates were prepared by the addition of 200 nl of a DMSO solution of compound at various concentrations to final inhibitor concentrations ranging from 100 μM to 0.2 μM. Next, assay buffer (10 µl) containing substrate and ATP were added, followed by addition of 10 µl of enzyme in assay buffer. Final assays concentrations were: [E]=0.37 nM, [S]=1 μM, [ATP]=2 mM. The reactions were incubated at room temperature for 3 hours resulting in approximately 15% substrate phosphorylation and were terminated by the addition of 5 μl of stop buffer. Substrates and products were separated on the Caliper EZReader II (Caliper LifeSciences, Inc.) using standard separation protocols. The percent inhibition was calculated for each compound concentration and the IC₅₀ was determined using equation 1.

% Inhibition =
$$\left(\text{Max} + \frac{(\text{Max} - \text{Min})}{1 + \left(\frac{Conc}{IC_{50}} \right)^{Hill}} \right)$$
 Equation 1

IC50 values from the aforementioned assay for the compounds of this invention range between 5 nM to 10000 nM. IC50 values for particular compounds of this invention are provided below in Table 2 below:

TABLE 2

	Ex	Trk A EC50 (nM)	
	1	6.5	
	2	11.3	
50	5	19.7	
,,,	6	24.9	
	10	48	
	15	102	
	17	119	
	20	140.7	
55	74	1005	
00	152	8084	

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The following abbreviations are used throughout the text:

Me: methyl

Et: ethyl

Bu: butyl t-Bu: tert-butyl

Ar: aryl

Ph: phenyl

Bn: benzyl

Ac: acetyl

DMF.DMA N,N-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal

DMSO dimethylsulfoxide

DMF N,N-dimethylformamide

DMEM: Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (High Glucose)

THF: tetrahydrofuran

TEA: triethylamine

rt: room temperature

aq: aqueous

HPLC: high performance liquid chromatography

MS: mass spectrometry

RB: round bottom

CDI 1,1'-Carbonyldiimidazole

DCE 1,2-Dichlorethane

HCl Hydrochloric acid

° C. degrees Celcius

BINAP 2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthalene

DMSO methyl sulfoxide

ATP adenosine triphosphate

While the invention has been described and illustrated with reference to certain particular embodiments thereof, those 30 skilled in the art will appreciate that various adaptations, changes, modifications, substitutions, deletions, or additions of procedures and protocols may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. It is intended, therefore, that the invention be defined by the scope of the 35 resented by structural formula III: claims that follow and that such claims be interpreted as broadly as is reasonable.

What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula (I):

$$\begin{array}{c}
R^{1} & & & (I) \\
 & & & \\
NR^{4} & & & \\
R^{2} & & &
\end{array}$$

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein: R represents hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, or —O—;

 $R^{\rm 1}$ is selected from $C_{\rm 5-10}$ heterocycle selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted pyrrolopyridinyl, said heterocycle optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of \mathbb{R}^a ;

 $\rm R^2$ is selected from $\rm C_{6-10}$ aryl, $\rm C_{5-10}$ heterocycle, C3-10 cycloalkyl, said aryl, heterocycle, and cycloalkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of R^a

 R^3 represents C_{2-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, and $(CH_2)_n C_{3-10}$ cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkynyl, and cycloalkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of \mathbb{R}^a ;

 R^4 can be hydrogen, or $CH(CH_3)C = CH$.

 R^a represents —CN, —O—, —(CH₂)_nC₁₋₄haloalkyl, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-C_{1-6}$ alkenyl, $-C_{1-6}$ alkynyl, $-(CHR)_n$ C_{6-10} aryl, $-(CHR)_n C_{5-10}$ heterocycle, $-C_{3-10}$ 65 cycloalkyl, —O—C $_{6\text{-}10}$ aryl, —O—C $_{5\text{-}10}$ heterocycle, $-C(O)CF_3$, -(CH₂)_nhalo,-OR,

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 NHC_{6-10} aryl, $-SCF_3$, SO_2CF_3 , $OC(F)_2^{Cl}$, OC_{1-4} haloalkyl, C(O)NRR, SO₂R, SO₂NRR, OC(F)₂C(F)₃, $S(O)_2$

 $CH(F)_2$, $OC(F)_2CH(F)_2$, $C(CH_3)_2C = N$, $-COC_{6-10}$ aryl, or $-CO_2R$, said cycloalkyl, alkyl, aryl and heterocycle optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of \mathbb{R}^b ;

 R^b represents, -CN, $-(CH_2)_nC_{1-4}$ haloalkyl, $-OC_{1-4}$ haloalkyl, — C_{1-6} alkyl, $(CH_2)_nOR$, — $(CHR)_nC_{6-10}$ aryl, $-(CHR)_nC_{5-10}$ heterocycle, $-C_{3-10}$ cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_n$ halo, -OR, C(O)OR, -NRR, C(O)NRR, NRC_{3-10} cycloalkyl, or $C(O)NHC_{3-10}$ cycloalkyl, said aryl and heterocycle optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of C1-6alkyl, or halo, and

n represents 0-6.

2. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R^2 is optionally substituted C_{6-10} aryl or C_{5-10} heterocycle.

3. The compound according to claim 2 wherein R² is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, benzodioxepinyl, dihydroinde-20 nyl, naphthalenyl, indazolyl, and cyclopropyl.

4. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ is substituted pyrrolopyridinyl.

5. The compound according to claim 3 wherein R² is optionally substituted phenyl.

6. The compound according to claim **1** wherein R^3 is C_{1-6} alkyl.

7. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁴ is hydrogen.

8. The compound according to claim 6 wherein R³ is selected from the group consisting of isopropyl, ethyl, methyl and methylpropyl.

9. The compound according to claim 6 wherein R³ is isopropvl.

10. The compound according to claim 1 of formula I rep-

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or pharmaceutically acceptable salts there of wherein R^a is as originally described.

11. A compound which is:

1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-3-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)-sulfanyl]phenyl}urea,

 $1\hbox{-}(1\hbox{-methylethyl})\hbox{-}1\hbox{-}(1\hbox{H-pyrrolo}[2,3\hbox{-}b]pyridin-3\hbox{-}ylm$ ethyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]urea,

1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-3-{4-[1-(trifluoromethyl)cyclopropyl]phenyl}urea,

1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-3-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)-sulfonyl]phenyl}urea,

4,4-dimethyl-3-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-1-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]phenyl}-tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one,

1-(1-methylethyl)-1-(1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-3-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]-phenyl}urea, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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12. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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